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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PER 37 C.F.R. 1.114 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY

## Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the USPTO on March 2, 2009. The Request for Continued Examination is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time in the amount of three months and a credit card payment form authorizing a charge of \$555. It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, in the event that an additional fee is deemed necessary or overpayment due in connection with this response, the undersigned authorizes the charge to be applied to Deposit Account No. 502679. Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following preliminary amendment and consider the remarks herein.

The Claims begin on Page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on Page 3 of this response.

Please reconsider the application as follows:

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